



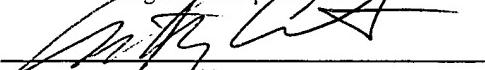
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Case No. 9281/3996

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoya Hasesgawa et al.

Serial No: 09/901,438

Examiner: Christopher R. Magee

Filed: July 9, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2653

For: Exchange Coupling Film and
Magnetoresistive Element Using
the Same

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to an Office Action dated October 1, 2004 for a period of 2 month(s).

Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

	<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$450 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 16, 2004



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